

' Use your feet to give premature babies a hand '
KDHE Walks to Save Babies

Today, one in eight babies are born prematurely. Many die; others face lifelong disability. With the rise of premature birth as a major and growing threat to the health of more than 476,000 babies every year, the March of Dimes has made defeating prematurity a national priority, and KDHE has joined the battle.



On Friday, April 23, KDHE staffers led by campaign coordinator, Theresa Carter, and Secretary Roderick Bremby will be taking steps in WalkAmerica to raise money to save babies. Walkers will navigate their choice of a one, three or six mile course at Gage Park to fill their pledge cards.

Fundraising activities since March have included the sale of March of Dimes Beanie Babies, Candy Bars, T-shirts, and Blue Jeans for Babies – which provides donors a special recognition sticker that allows them to wear blue jeans in the office on designated days during the campaign.

On April 19, the Office of the Secretary will host a two-hour sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts and Coffee from 8 –10 a.m., with all the proceeds going toward the agency's goal.



Carter has set a personal goal to raise \$325, and is looking for KDHE efforts to reach \$1,075. She has 25 walkers on her team and is encouraging others to organize their own team. Thanks to Carter's leadership, the KDHE effort has already generated almost \$800 in donations. The nationwide campaign ends May 31.

For information on forming a team, purchasing T-Shirts, Beanie Babies or simply making a donation, contact Carter, 296-1538; or watch the KDHE Intranet Home Page for March of Dimes news.